

“US-Japan Global Scholars Program 2015”

Information Session:

On **Tuesday September 23, 2014 in the Mary Dickinson Room in the HUB** , there will be an information session for students interested in learning more about the 2015 offering of the US-Japan Global Scholars Program.

Program Description:

Dickinson, in partnership with Akita International University (AIU), and co-funded by a grant from the Japanese government, is undertaking an in-depth research project on perceptions of quality of life among older adults, particularly the relationship between perceived well-being and access to/utilization of health care services. The research will be conducted in two structurally similar but geographically distinct regions, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States and Akita City, Japan. The program seeks five highly engaged Dickinson students with an interest in health care, elder care, health policy, and/or Japan to participate in an international and interdisciplinary research team in spring semester and summer 2015.

Participants in the research team will enroll in “HEST 250: Health and Aging in Cross Cultural Perspectives” in spring 2015, followed by a two credit, seven-week program in summer 2015, “HEST 401: Health and Wellness in Later Life.” The team will be comprised of five Dickinson students and five Japanese students from Akita International University, led by Professors Shawn Bender, David Sarcone, Shalom Staub, and Yoshitaka Kumagai. The summer component will consist of community-based research in Harrisburg and Akita as well as academic excursions in the surrounding areas.

Eligibility

- Cumulative 2.8 GPA
- Completion of a qualitative/quantitative research methods course strongly encouraged prior to spring 2014
- Students in the Classes of 2015 and 2016

Program Notes: Financial aid is available for the summer program. The summer program cost, including airfare to Japan, is subsidized by a grant from the Japanese government. The program fee for a two credit course will be \$5,000.

HEST 401 satisfies the Health Studies certificate internship/research experience requirement.

HEST 250 fulfills one of the four health related courses required to complete the HEST certificate.